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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Crime Statistics Reflect Fluctuations in First Half of Year**

A new crime report released today by the Howard County Police Department reflects increases in some areas and decreases in others in the first half of the year, January through June. The report compares 2005 data to the same time period last year and reflects small fluctuations in numbers.

When compared to last year, the first half of 2005 saw increases in robberies and aggravated assaults. The department investigated two homicides in the first six months of this year. Investigators received reports of 15 rapes, six fewer than last year. Property crimes increased slightly this year, following a two year decline. Auto theft cases decreased by 25 to 269, from last year's 294.

Violent crime arrests increased by 12 percent for adults and 2 percent for juveniles when compared to last year's data.

Assaults against officers were up in the first half of the year, with eight more cases reported in 2005 than in the first six months of last year.

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Editor's Note: For a complete copy of the Howard County Police Department's Semi-Annual Crime Report, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at (410) 313-2236.